

Colonel Alexander continued to serve the people by managing many civil works projects in southeastern North Carolina. Without the dedication and determination of Colonel Alexander, many of these projects would not have been possible. From the Wilmington Port to the Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender County beaches, from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to our many shallowdraft inlets, his commitment has been unwavering and steadfast.

We owe Colonel Charles R. "Ray" Alexander our sincere appreciation for his twenty-three years of committed service to our nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless this great nation.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DONALD
E. GREENE, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Donald E. Greene, Jr., on his tenth anniversary as the Pastor and visionary leader of Andrew Chapel Baptist Church in Orangeburg County, South Carolina.

Not only has Reverend Greene's leadership resonated on Sunday mornings, but he has also pioneered movements that have increased his church's membership by more than 500 members in his first decade of service. Under his guiding hand, the church has expanded physically as well. The Andrew Chapel congregation currently worships in a new sanctuary on a 33-acre site on Five Chop Road. The building, in its fifth year of existence, serves the community at large and is a reminder of what can be achieved by a deep and abiding faith and a dedicated outreach to others.

The church is truly a success story in that its members have worked to establish many beneficial programs and resources. One of its amazing successes is the Andrew Chapel Christian Academy which was established seven years ago. Under the direction of Reverend Greene, it has already quadrupled in enrollment and has inspired afterschool tutorial assistance for its students. Whether the need is for better materials in the classrooms or upgrading facilities in the old Andrew Chapel building, Reverend Greene and his church are dedicated to creating a house of worship that fits the needs of all people and attracts visitors and new members at the same time.

Andrew Chapel Baptist Church is a blessing for the Four Holes community of Orangeburg. It is establishing a rich legacy as a parish on the move with many energetic and devoted individuals driving it toward a bright future. Reverend Greene has led this congregation with a firm foundation in faith and has engaged the fellowship to serve as spiritual leaders to others around them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulations to Andrew Chapel Baptist Church and wishing them Godspeed as they continue to illuminate the virtues of moral leadership and community service. I wish the congregation many more decades of

growth and sharing with Reverend Greene at the church's helm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 322 and 323, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE
CHARLES R. BUTLER, JR. ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS ASSUM-
ING JUDICIAL SENIOR STATUS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Charles R. Butler, Jr., on the occasion of his assuming senior status on the bench of the United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama. For the past seventeen years, Judge Butler has served the families of the State of Alabama with compassion, dedication, and a tremendous level of commitment.

A 1962 graduate of Washington and Lee University, and a 1966 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, Judge Butler was hired for his first position with Hamilton, Butler, Riddick and Denniston law firm in Mobile, Alabama. Within two years, he had moved on to work as an assistant public defender and, in 1971, was elected as District Attorney for Mobile County. In 1975, following his work as district attorney, Judge Butler went to work for Butler and Sullivan law firm and, ultimately, returned to a position with Hamilton, Butler, Riddick, Tarlton and Sullivan law firm.

President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Butler to his position as a district judge in 1988, and he began his official duties on November 1 of that year. From July, 1994, to February, 2003, he served as the southern district's chief judge, and he moved to senior status on March 28, 2005.

Along with his many professional responsibilities, Judge Butler has also served as a member of numerous State and Federal justice programs. This long list includes memberships on the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council, the Executive Committee of the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council, the Eleventh Circuit Criminal and Civil Pattern Jury Instruction Committees, the Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Law, and the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. His work in these areas, as well as his professional accomplishments, has also resulted in public recognition and many awards during his long years of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Judge Charles R. Butler, Jr., for his tremendous contributions to the citizens of the First Congressional District and of the entire State of Alabama. The experience and enthusiasm he brought to his job and the

concern and compassion he displayed for all citizens in our State are unquestioned and unparalleled. He has indeed been a genuine asset both to the district court and to the thousands of men, women, and children he has assisted over the past two decades. I am proud and honored to call him my friend.

Make no mistake, the Judge's talents and experience will continue to be of great value to his colleagues in his new role as senior judge, and I am confident he will continue to remain actively involved in the United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama, and the life of the Mobile community for many years to come. Along with his friends and colleagues throughout Alabama, I wish to extend to Judge Butler and his family all the best now and in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was attending my daughter's graduation from Harvard and I regret missing rollcall votes 230–240 on June 8 and 9, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 230, on Agreeing to the Weiner amendment to H.R. 2744, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 232, on Agreeing to the Hinchey amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 233, on Agreeing to the Sweeney amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 234, on Agreeing to the Blumenauer amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 235, on Agreeing to the Chabot amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 236, on Agreeing to the Hefley amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 237, on Agreeing to the Garrett amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 238, passage of H.R. 2744, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 239, passage of H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 240, on Motion to Table H. Res. 310; I would have voted "nay."

HONORING SIX SENIOR MEMBERS
OF THE FORT MILL ROTARY CLUB

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, six senior members of the Fort Mill Rotary Club in Fort Mill,